

CHICAGO & ALTON DEAL.

Will Not Be Consummated Until Return of Harriman.

New York, July 15.—In explanation of the announcement that no Chicago & Alton preferred stock will be received after today, a representative of the Harriman interests gives out the following statement:

"There is now on deposit sufficient of this stock to guarantee the success of any plan which the projectors may have in mind. In all probability, however, nothing will be done in this matter until the return of Mr. Harriman from Europe."

Rock Island's New Line.

Kansas City, July 15.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific is working with all possible speed in an effort to have the new line between St. Louis and Kansas City completed at the earliest possible date. Official announcement is made that the line will be completed and opened to traffic within the next two weeks. By the completion of the new line the Rock Island is counting on getting a large share of the World's fair traffic from points west of Kansas City.

FOUND THE WRECK.

Islander Went Down With 100 in 300 Feet of Water.

Vancouver, B. C., July 15.—The Neptune Salvage Company, of Tacoma, has located the wreck of the steamer Islander with a patented diving bell, in over 300 feet of water. It is reported intact with a big hole in the bow, but can be raised.

She struck an iceberg in Douglas Channel in August, 1902, returning from Skagway. She carried 100 passengers and half a million in gold. Forty persons were drowned.

OLD FOLKS WILL BE ENTERTAINED

SUMPTER VALLEY RAILROAD WILL RUN ANNUAL EXCURSION

Pioneers Over 60 Years of Age Will Enjoy a Picnic and Free Excursion at Baker City on August 18—Event Inaugurated by the Sumpter Valley Has Come to Be a Prominent One in Eastern Oregon.

Baker City, July 15.—In 1901 the Sumpter Valley railroad inaugurated the "old folks' day," which consisted in running free excursion trains for people over 60 years of age, to some city that had invited the excursion, and there to hold a picnic and reunion of pioneers.

In 1901 and 1902, these excursions were run from this city to Sumpter, where appropriate programs were arranged and peasant picnics were held.

In 1903 the excursion was run to La Grande where the annual reunion was held, and this year the picnic and reunion will be held in this city on August 18, and the Sumpter Valley will run its excursion from Whitney, Sumpter, McEwan and all way stations to this city for that occasion.

Last year over 300 old people took advantage of the excursion and this year is expected to be the banner year for the "old folks." Baker City will prepare an elaborate program, furnish a basket dinner and make the occasion one to be long remembered by the pioneers.

BOUNDARY LINE DISPUTE.

In Which State Are Desdemona Fishing Grounds?

The exact location of the boundary line between Oregon and Washington has never been settled, but it is likely to be now as the result of an application made by B. F. Huston of Tacoma, an uncle of F. Z. Huston of this city, for Desdemona Sands, at the mouth of the Columbia river, which the Columbia river cannery combine bought from Oregon, and which they occupy.

It will be recalled that in 1900 F. L. Rice, formerly county attorney of Pacific county, Wash., was appointed by the late Governor Rogers as one of a commission to survey a boundary line, and he reported that a large amount of land in the Columbia which Oregon claimed, belonged to Washington. Nothing was ever done by this state about maintaining its rights.—Astoria Daily News.

The Danish Child's Vacation.

A custom prevails among parents in Denmark of exchanging their children during the summer holidays.

The little ones from the village go to town, and are all the better and brighter for their knowledge of city life and what the world is doing. The little city folks are sent to be refreshed by the country air, and come back with rosy cheeks and robust constitutions.—Chicago Chronicle.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Moss, one of the foremost Baptist divines of the United States, is dead at New York, aged 75. He had been president of the Indiana State University and of Chicago University.

JAPS LOST BUT TWO THOUSAND

This Was the Result of Four Days' Continuous Fighting Before Port Arthur.

BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS AT TOWN OF FASCHICHAO.

Russian General Renakamp Wounded—Weather Is Fine All Over the District in Which War Prevails—Japs Were Repulsed in Latest Assaults on Port Arthur. While Russian Losses Were Insignificant—Much Friction Between Russian Officers.

London, July 15.—A Mukden dispatch this afternoon reports that the Japanese losses during the fighting on the right flank of the defenses of Port Arthur from the third to the sixth inclusive, were 2050. The Russians' loss was insignificant. The Russians drove back the Japanese and occupied the heights commanding Lun San Tan pass.

Battle in Progress.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—It is reported that a battle is now being fought at Tashichiao.

General Renakamp Wounded.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—Reports from Liao Yang state the weather conditions are fine with no rain for a week past.

Gen. Renakamp, the cavalry leader, is reported wounded slightly.

A dispatch from Cronstadt says the submarine Fulton is undergoing tests in the River Neva, while three more of its class are en route there.

Friction Between Commanders.

Berlin, July 15.—A Niu Chwang dispatch to the Losal Anzeiger states that friction between Kuropatkin and Alexieff has become serious. It is reported the officers' corps is almost ready to mutiny against the viceroy, who arrogates powers as the emperor's direct representative.

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.

Decision Rendered in Northern Securities Case.

Trenton, N. J., July 15.—United States Judge Bradford came here today from Wilmington and filed his opinion in the famous Securities case.

The result of the opinion is that a preliminary injunction is granted enjoining the carrying out of the proposed plan to distribute the stock of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

The judge says that the litigation is not ripe for a final hearing, and that a provisional injunction is granted in order to protect the rights of complainants, because, should the final decision result in favor of the company there would be no assets left for distribution without a preliminary injunction.

The merits of the main question raised are not passed upon.

SAWMILLS BURNED.

Mysterious Explosion Causes Heavy Loss.

Albany, July 15.—The Banner mills, situated near Lacombe, Linn county, together with about \$5,000 feet of clear lumber, was destroyed by fire early this morning.

The fire was first discovered, when one of the proprietors of the mill went to build a fire in the engine at 5 o'clock in the morning, when he saw a small blaze in the sawdust near the slab saw, and he proceeded to extinguish the fire as he thought, when suddenly there was a kind of an explosion just above the dust and oil, and in a few minutes the entire building was a mass of flames.

Steamer Burning.

Melbourne, July 15.—The British steamer Australis is ashore at the entrance to Phillip Bay and is afire. It is expected to be a total wreck.

New Mill at Moscow.

A deal was closed last night by which Cochran & Son, of Moscow, and C. E. Wood, of Genesee, purchased the mill of the Moscow Sawmill Company, located near the depot. It is the plan of the new owners to erect a large flour mill and commence a general milling business at Moscow. The location here is particularly desirable and on account of the large amount of high grade wheat marketed at Moscow it is expected that the new mill will become one of the leading industries of the town.—Moscow Times-Democrat.

Edward Campbell, of Portland, had a fight with two burglars Thursday night, who attempted to rob his house.

STRIKERS SHOW NO WEAKENING

Trouble is Feared at St. Paul as the Result of Attempt to Operate the Plants.

MAYOR LYTLE FAILED AS A STRIKE BREAKER.

Chicago Packers Are Operating and Claim They Will Be Independent of the Strike in a Few Days—Kansas City Plants All in Operation, But Two on a Small Scale—Donnelly Rejects the Packers' Propositions and Peace is Not in Sight.

After the receipt of Donnelly's reply the packers went into executive session, but soon adjourned until later in the afternoon.

The strikers took up active work, and tentative orders were issued to the stationary firemen to quit work tomorrow, which will cause much difficulty to keep the cooling plants in operation.

Packers Are Confident.

Order prevails throughout the yards, although the arrival of small bodies of strike breakers is frequent. The packers claim to have 5000 men at work and claim to be independently situated in a few days.

Arthur Meeker, general superintendent for Armour, attempted to kill a steer this morning, but failed to hit a sufficient blow. The animal charged, scattering Meekers and the helpers. It was finally lassoed and killed.

Killing continues in all the plants on a moderate scale, the companies claiming a lack of shipments being the only reason operations are not heavier.

Conference is in Session.

Chicago, July 15.—At 3 this afternoon the packers went into conference at the downtown offices of Swift. Just before entering, a prominent member said: "Another week without a settlement and the strike will be lost to the unions."

Action will be taken at this meeting as to the finality of the packers' position, dependent upon which is the outcome of the great strike.

Plants in Operation.

Kansas City, July 15.—All but two packing companies are killing today. Armour put on 200 new men, and Swift over 100. Both declare they can get all the men they want. Armour started 2700 cattle today, and Swift 1000 hogs, the National 2000 hogs and Cudahy 300.

Peace continues in the packing district. Meat prices are stationary.

Trouble at St. Paul.

St. Paul, July 15.—Serious trouble is feared at the Swift plant. Eight hundred strikers lined up today and refused to let the office force enter claiming they were doing slaughtering. The sheriff declined an escort, fearing a riot. The manager applied to the governor's office for militia. Then Mayor Lytle, of South St. Paul, headed the office force to break through the lines. No open violence was offered, but the resistance was determined, and the mayor desisted.

Little Doing at South Omaha.

Omaha, July 15.—Little is done at the packing plants today, and but few strike breakers were smuggled in. The best of order is maintained.

Reject Packers' Terms.

Chicago, July 15.—The prospects for an immediate peaceful settlement of the packing house strike was given a setback at noon today when President Donnelly, of the Butchers' Union, rejected the propositions submitted by the packers last night.

YACHTS COLLIDE.

Skippers Misjudge Distances in "Heading Off."

Dover, England, July 15.—Commander Plant's American racing schooner Ingomar, and Herr Watkin's American built Navahoe, collided off Admiralty pier just after the beginning of the Cinque ports yacht race today. Ingomar's fore rigging bowsprit was carried away and her hull damaged. The Navahoe's mainsail was torn off. Charley Barr, the Ingomar's skipper, attempted to cut off the Navahoe but misjudged the distance.

Will Take a Vacation.

Postmaster Lot Livermore will probably take a 20 days' vacation in the near future and visit relatives in Multnomah, Marion, Polk and Clackamas counties. He is badly in need of a rest, not having been in the heat of health for some time. His request for a leave of absence was mailed the postmaster-general several days ago, and an answer is expected within a week.

OFFICIALS AT LEWISTON.

President Elliott of the Northern Pacific Inspects Wheat Land.

Lewiston, July 14.—President Howard Elliott and party of Northern Pacific officials arrived in the city by special train yesterday. The party had spent the day in inspecting the lines in the Palouse country, but have come into the Clearwater country to acquaint themselves with the conditions with a view of further railroad construction.

"We are interested in the Lewiston country," said President Elliott last night, "and desire to become acquainted with the conditions in order that future operations can be intelligently carried on. Personally I have never visited the rich farming country of the Camas and Nez Perce prairies, but we will drive through the upper country while here and become familiar with the conditions of the farming section and the needs and resources of the country."

"Yes, we are thinking of building another line out of Lewiston," said Mr. Elliott, in answer to a direct question, "but just when we are not prepared to say."

Train Robber Arrested.

Spokane, July 15.—George Wilson, believed to be one of the men who held up the Northern Pacific train near Bearmouth, Mont., was arrested here today. On him was found 17 small diamonds believed to have been part of a consignment of 800 diamonds stolen in the robbery and about \$700 in cash.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, July 15.—Old July wheat opened 97, closed 95½; new July opened 96¼, closed 95. July corn opened 48½, closed 49½.

WILL PAY FOR THE EXHIBITS

REBATE OF FIFTY PER CENT TO ALL COUNTIES.

Lewis and Clark Commission Offers a Special Inducement for Exhibits From All Parts of the State—However, the Amount of Rebate Will Not Exceed Five Hundred Dollars in Any One Instance—Conditions in Detail.

For several reasons the Lewis and Clark fair commission has determined to pay each county 50 per cent of the actual cash cost of the exhibit it may make at the exposition next year. In no instance, however, will more than \$500 be paid for any county exhibit. The conditions on which the purchase will be made are as follows:

That the exhibit cover every resource in the county; that the parcels be packed in the manner prescribed by the commission and delivered at the nearest railway depot, addressed to the secretary; that the committees having charge of the gathering of exhibits keep the cost at as low a figure as possible, and that an itemized statement of expenditures be mailed, showing the exact cost of labor and product, with an inventory of each item, numbered to correspond on vouchers and inventory, so that it may be easily identified. Payment will be made in accordance with the resolution adopted by the commission upon the actual cash expenditure being vouched for by the county court.

The intention of the resolution is to encourage interest among the residents of the various counties and to collect a full and complete exhibit of the products of the state for the exposition. The citizens of each county are advised to form Lewis and Clark clubs for the purpose of gathering exhibits. All the exhibits entered at the State fair at Salem may be entered and added to for the exposition at Portland under the conditions given.

SCHOOL FOR MILITIA OFFICERS.

Fort Walla Walla and Vancouver Designated by General Staff.

The general staff of the army has prepared a general order designating the posts at which militia officers may attend garrison schools under the system of military education which is extended to those officers, says the Walla Walla Statesman.

Two posts in Washington are thrown open to militia officers—Fort Walla Walla and Vancouver barracks. At Vancouver 10 militia officers may take the course and at Fort Walla Walla four. As these are the only posts in the Northwest open to militia officers, it is proposed to designate officers from the militia of Washington, Oregon and Idaho to attend one or the other of the schools named.

Two Girls Drowned Near Caldwell. Miss Bertha Masterson and Miss Fanny Shue were drowned in a slough near the home of G. W. Shue, about two and a half miles from Caldwell, Monday. The bodies of both have been recovered.—Ontario Democrat.

The government will build a sample of good roads in Lane county free of cost to the people.

GOLCONDA MINE CHANGES HANDS

One of the Famous Properties of Eastern Oregon Leased by Geiser-Hendryx Co.

LEASE TAKES FORM OF OPTION TO PURCHASE.

The Mine is Owned by Ninety Stockholders Scattered From Paris to the Pacific—Believed That the Option Will Result in a Bona Fide Sale—Mine Will Be Re-equipped Through-out at Once and Work Resumed at an Early Date—Has an Idle 20-Stamp Mill.

One of the biggest mining deals in years took place yesterday afternoon when all the property of the Golconda company was leased and practically sold to the Geiser-Hendryx Investment Company of Sumpter. By the terms of the lease the purchasing company is to open up the property and keep it in operation the stockholders of the Golconda receiving half the proceeds. At the expiration of a year the Geiser-Hendryx people, who are given an option, may buy the property. It is deemed probable that the sale will be consummated.

It has been known for some time that a deal of some kind was in prospect. J. A. Howard, manager of the Golconda properties, arrived in the city several days ago in connection with the transaction. Several meetings of the board of directors have been held, but the final meeting, at which the terms of the lease and option were agreed on did not take place until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was held at Halley & Lowell's law offices, among those present being Attorney T. G. Halley, president, and J. S. Beckwith, secretary of the board, H. T. Hendryx and Colonel J. H. Railey, a director and attorney for the Golconda company.

That the present arrangement is only temporary and that the lease and option on the stock amount virtually to a sale is admitted by one of the directors. Affairs will be allowed to remain in their present state until more of the stock can be gathered in. The mines have been closed down for the last 30 days for repairs to machinery. Work is to be started again at once and everything will probably be in full swing by next Monday. The lease and option include all the property owned by the Golconda company in the Sumpter district—five patented claims, four that are not patented, five placer claims and considerable timber land.

Located on the property is a 20-stamp mill. It has been idle for a month, undergoing repairs. The completion of the deal is said to mark a new era in mining in the Sumpter district. The Geiser-Hendryx Investment Company owns the famous Tabor fraction at Sumpter, which has a greater output at this time than any other mine in the Blue mountains, and other properties.

The stockholders of the Golconda properties are about 90 in number, and are scattered all over the United States. There is one small stockholder in Paris and a few live in other parts of the world. A large number are located in Oregon.

All the papers connected with the deal have been signed at this end of the line, and were sent to Sumpter last night for necessary signatures there.

MRS. ROBINSON HURT.

Foot Pierced by a Rusty Nail—Injury Very Painful.

Mrs. Charles Robinson, wife of the clerk on the Umatilla reservation, met with a painful accident which may prove serious in its consequences, yesterday. While walking in the yard back of their house she stepped on a rusty nail in a piece of planking. It pierced the shoe on her left foot and inflicted a wound which pained her considerably. Dr. Henderson was sent for and dressed the cut made by the nail.

In case of the foot or hand being pierced by a rusty nail there is always danger of lockjaw. A period of five or six years must elapse before it can be told whether the disease will develop.

Murder and Suicide.

Buffalo, July 15.—Edgar Washburn, member of the grain firm of Heathfield & Washburn, this morning shot and killed his wife and daughter at their home and then ended his own life in the same way. Business troubles ended in depression and hopeless mania of fear.